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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: PHASE SHIFTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

5. (Amended) A phase shifter element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said optimisation means comprises a radio frequency analysis and optimisation computer program to calculate data for controlling cutting equipment means to produce said dielectric segments having optimum dimensions and optimum widths there between.

6. (Amended) A phase shifter element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said planar dielectric member comprises a rectangular body section, said dielectric segments extending from a major side thereof, and wherein the segments and the body section lie in the same plane.